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LB 111, 191

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 191 is advanced. LB 111, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 111 was a bill that was introduced by Senator Withem. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 8 of last year. It was referred to the Judiciary, the bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. Senator, do you want to offer your amendment now or do you defer? I have an amendment that you filed...oh, I am sorry. It is Senator Hefner, excuse me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, please, would you care to explain the bill.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, LB 111 is a carry-over bill from last year. It was introduced primarily as a clean-up measure. Many members of the body will remember a few years ago we passed a piece of legislation dealing with jury membership, how jury lists are chosen, that traditionally in Nebraska we had used exclusively the voter registration list. We currently use a merged list of voter registration and drivers' licenses. This bill has been in effect for a few years. I have heard nobody making any major claims or concerns about problems with the philosophy behind the bill. There are a few clean-up things we need to do to make it work better that primarily involves how the county election commissioners or county clerks or whoever is the jury commissioner is merging the names, how they receive the list from the Department of Motor Vehicles. In the original bill, we stipulated that they would receive a list every year from Department of Motor Vehicles. Some counties are finding that that is not necessary. What this bill does is it says they will receive that list if they request it, if, in fact, they need that list on a yearly basis. Secondly, we said that the list would be either in a printed list or on magnetic tape. We are finding that some of the hardware mechanisms used back in the counties require the list to be in some other format, some other magnetic medium, and we stipulate that if the department and the jury commissioner can agree on what that medium is, if it is something other than stipulated in the bill, that that is acceptable. We are also stating that the date of birth should also be included on this list that comes from the Department of